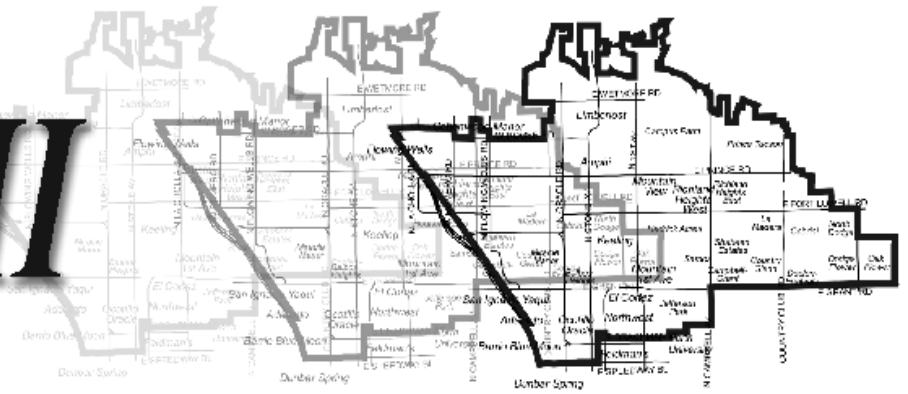


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News about your community . . .



Karin Uhlich
Council Member

TUCSON, ARIZONA

A Note from Karin



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Dear Tucsonans,

How is it that even as summer heats the City up, so much is still going on here?! We hope you'll read the enclosed articles about the intersection improvement project at Campbell/Ft Lowell, updates from small business networks (Campbell and Gateway), and other information we hope will be of interest to you.

In June/July three major areas of focus for Mayor and Council will be the FY10-11 budget, work with a Citizen Commission on longer-term fiscal stability, and possible amendments to the City Charter to refer to the voters for consideration in the November 2010 election.

I will also be advocating that we take a major step in our management of water resources by adopting boundaries for Tucson Water's Obligated Service Area. I will continue to champion progress in the shift from a "demand-driven" model of system expansion to one that better integrates water service with transportation/sewer infrastructure, protected open spaces, sound economic and land use planning, and the plans of other water utilities across the region. We'll pass on updates and look forward to hearing your thoughts in the coming weeks.

In the meantime I hope you and your family and friends have a safe and enjoyable summer, and I hope--for all of us--that cool monsoon rains fall soon!

Take good care,

Karin Uhlich



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A Love-Hate Relationship – The Complete Reconstruction of a Major Intersection in the Central Core of the City



By: Britton Dornquast, RTA MainStreet Program Manager

By the time you read this the official May 17th start of the reconstruction of the Ft. Lowell Road and Campbell Ave. intersection will be three to four weeks past. It is a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) funded project managed by the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (COT).

The project will widen and improve this signalized intersection to allow vehicles to travel through the intersection more efficiently, in addition to improving safety. The improvements include:

- Bike lanes
- Two through-lanes in each direction
- Right-turn lanes
- Bus pullouts
- American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant curbs, access ramps and sidewalks
- Upgraded traffic signals, lighting, water lines and roadway drainage

The nine month long project has a target completion date of February 2011.

If you have a question or concern related to the project, some important contacts are:

General Project Information:

COT Construction Project Manager: Mike Skilsky

Mike.Skilsky@tucsonaz.gov or (520) 837-6636

COT Public Information Officer: Michael Graham

Michael.Graham@tucsonaz.gov or (520) 837-6686

Business Assistance Information:

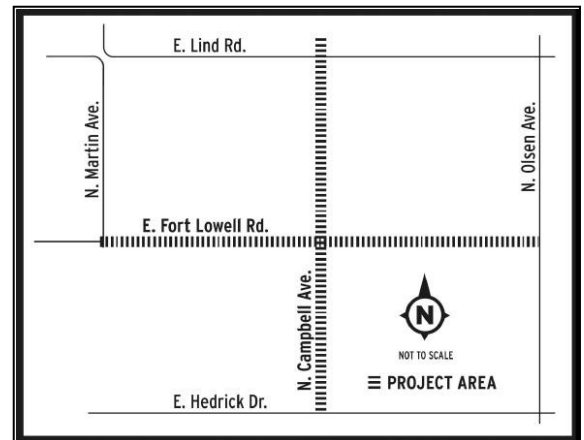
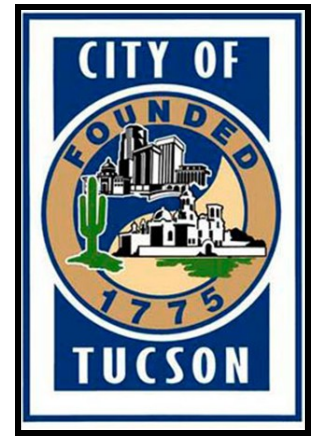
RTA MainStreet Program Manager: Britton Dornquast

BDornquast@mainstreetinfo.org or (520) 838-4352

RTA MainStreet Ombudsman/Consulting Partner: Ralph Robinson

Ralph@teamsatworkllc.com or (520) 488-9289

You may also call the Ward 3 Council office with any concerns at 791-4711.



***Council Member
Karin Uhlich lends her
voice to those calling
on people to, more
than ever, support the
businesses in the area!***



Convenience During Construction

By: *Sharon Bart, Campbell Avenue Business Partnership—
Owner of - The Running Shop and Worldly Soles*

The Campbell Avenue/Ft Lowell construction project is now underway and is something we must all live with for the next nine months. I know that in the long run, the improvements will make our lives a bit easier, improving the ability to navigate through that intersection. But for the next nine months, we know that we will ALL be inconvenienced. We will all need to deal with delays in getting through the intersection and businesses will have to deal with complaints from our customers and business lost due to inconvenience.

Your business is critical to these businesses during these times. We encourage you to continue to dine and shop on our Avenue. Why, you might ask? We are still convenient to you, since we are close in distance. We are still the businesses that support you and your community. None of us want to see empty store fronts in our neighborhoods. And many of these businesses are locally owned, returning even more to our economy.

Even better, encourage your friends who live outside of Ward 3 to shop and dine with you on our Avenue!



An area near the Campbell/Ft. Lowell construction site.

Buffelgrass—Wanted Dead or Gone!

By: *Holly Lachowicz,*

"BUFFELGRASS IS AN INVASIVE , UNWELCOME TINDERBOX WAITING TO IGNITE" says Representative Raul Grijalva, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Buffelgrass, an invasive grass, is threatening our neighborhoods. It is a native to Africa, Arabia, Canary Islands, Indonesia, northern India, Madagascar, and Pakistan. It was introduced to the United States in the 1930s as livestock forage, and has also been used for erosion control and soil stabilization. Several experimental plantings and trials were completed in southern Arizona by a variety of groups from 1938 to the early 1980s—looking primarily for establishment rates and suitable habitat types. It is very quick to burn and is spreading exponentially in vacant lots and unwatched yards, outcompeting native plants Mesquite, Palo Verdes, and Saguaros.

This plant is a little hard to identify and tricky to remove. For more information on how to treat Buffelgrass and identify it, please visit:

www.buffelgrass.org.



Buffelgrass (*Pennisetum Ciliare*) also known as: African Foxtail Grass, Pasto Buffel, Zacate Buffel

The *Business* of Partnership

By: Miguel Ortega

Still *Mixing It Up* With Businesses and Neighborhoods

There is no better human investment than a face-to-face talk. When you add food and refreshments (provided by locally owned businesses) and a relaxing environment, there is no telling how creative those conversations can be. TPD officials, Ward 3 aides, and Ward 3 residents continue to participate in these informal, monthly gatherings with great success.

The last mixer was sponsored by **Frankie's South Philly Cheese Steaks** (2574 N. Campbell Ave.) We would like to thank the owner, **Frankie Santos**, for his support. To learn more about his restaurant visit: www.frankiescheesesteaks.com.

The next mixer, to be held at the **Woods Library** (3455 N. 1st Ave) on **Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm**, will be sponsored by **Café 54**. Learn more about this restaurant and its wonderful mission by going to their website: <http://www.cafe54.org/>.

These regular monthly mixers that precede each Ward 3 Alliance meeting are organized in partnership by the **Ward 3 Alliance**, the **Ward 3 Council Office** and **Local First Arizona**.

The New Hot Rod Café Gets the *Green Light*

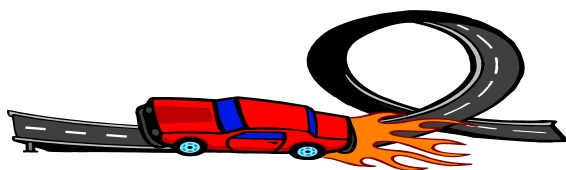
Congratulations to the owners of the **Hot Rod Café**! They celebrated their grand opening on Monday, June 7.

This family owned and operated café is located at 2831 N. Stone Avenue. You really can't miss it—it's on the same block as the iconic statue of **Paul Bunyan** and **Don's Hot Rod** on Glenn and Stone.

It's challenging enough to focus on the day-to-day work of managing a new small business. That is why we greatly appreciate and recognize business owners that find that extra time to engage in the economic revitalization that includes their business and residential neighbors.

We wish the owners of the new Hot Rod Café much success and we thank them for their support of, and continued involvement with, the **Gateway Business Alliance**.

For more on the Hot Rod Café, visit their website at: www.TucsonHotRodCafe.com



Out and About at

Ward 3 Alliance Meetings



Mariana Caballero of Mary Kab Designs, Tamara Prime, Ward 3, and Sandy Miller from Richland Heights East



Alice Roe, Ward 6 Resident, conversing with other neighbors.



Ron Proctor of Mountain First Neighborhood

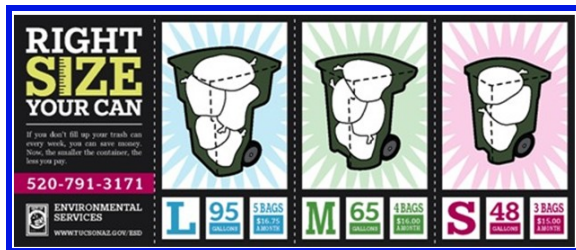
Supporting your Neighborhood in Court

By: George Pettit

The Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (NPO) allows individuals, representing neighborhoods recognized by the City, to appear in court as advocates for their neighborhood – to support their interests in the neighborhood.

Recently the Cabrini Neighborhood used this option. A resident caught two people applying graffiti to a block wall around his property. When it was time to appear in court the former President of the neighborhood association went to court with the owner of the property that had graffiti painted on it. The advocate for the neighborhood is one more voice in court asking the system to be sympathetic to the needs of the neighborhood.

In this case at the initial hearing, the Judge set a bond of \$1,200, stipulated the suspected perpetrators have no contact with the victim and that they stay away from the neighborhood for a year.



Learn more about the *Right Size Your Can Program*, a volume-based trash collection that let's you choose the right size for you! Please visit:

http://esd.tucsonaz.gov/container_request

If you want to know more about the *Groundwater Protection Fee* and how Environmental Services works to keep our groundwater aquifer safe, click here.

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Important Numbers



City Clerk—791-4213

Code Enforcement—791-5843

Development Services—791-5550

Department of Transportation - 791-4371

Environmental Services—791-3175

Graffiti Removal— 792-2489

Housing & Community Development— 791-4171

Mayor & Council Hotline—791-4700

Police—Non Emergency—791-4444

Sun Tran—791-9222

Sun Van—798-1000

Tucson Water—791-4331

Save the Date

By: Linda Mehall

June

June 16th—Ward 3 Neighbors' Alliance Meeting. 6pm at Woods Library (3445 N. First Avenue). Topic: "Revitalization." Info: Marc Haberman at 881-4582. Bleu55@gmail.com

June 19th & 20th —40th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Kennedy Park at Ajo and La Cholla. For more information go to www.tucsonurbanleague.com or call 908-54544.

June 24th—13th Annual El Dia de San Juan Festival. Celebrating the beginning of the "Season of El Chubasco-the Monsoon Rains." 5pm to 10pm. West Congress Street at the Santa Cruz River. Activities for the family. Attendance is **free**.

July

July 4th—Celebration with fireworks! City sponsored event will take place on "A" Mountain.

July 5th—All City offices closed.

July 10th—Second Saturdays Downtown StreetFest. More info available at www.2ndsaturdaysdowntown.com.

July 21st—Ward 3 Neighbors' Alliance Meeting, 6pm at Woods Library (3445 N. First Avenue). Topic: Safety & Security TPD/U of A Police Department. Info: Marc Haberman at 881-4582. Bleu55@gmail.com

Community Outreach this Summer

By: Ward 3 Staff

We look forward to restarting our Monday night *Community Conversations with Council Member Karin Uhlich* this coming fall.

Please look for us in your neighborhoods during these summer months as we reach out to the community with helpful information.

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